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SOVIET-NAZI GUN DUEL

Big Battles For Extension Of Russian Hold On Vital Rail Line

MOSCOW, Jan. 25.

Reuter's staff correspondent cables: Russian and German guns are today duelling fiercely across the Narva-Gatchina railway south-west of Leningrad where battles are going on for an extension of the Red Army's hold on this vital line. The Germans are throwing in reinforcements on a colossal scale since the desperate nature of their position in this sector became evident.

The dense railway net within a twenty miles radius of Leningrad is now practically all in Soviet hands. One of the German groups holding out at Krasnibor is now completely cut off and the position of the German garrison in Krasnovardeisk is not much better. The Red Army is now holding positions south of Krasnovardeisk after cutting the Narva railway there.

Advancing further below Slutsk, twenty miles from the 1939 Polish border on the northern side of the Pripet Marshes, the Russians have occupied more villages during the night.

Increased Russian Pressure

BERLIN: The German 'communique' to-day reports that the Russians have increased their pressure at Kerch and their attacks, supported by tanks and battle planes, still continue.

North-west of Kirovograd the Russians attacked with several divisions. The 'communique' adds that north of the Lake and south of Leningrad the Russians continued their breakthrough attacks with growing intensity.—Reuter.

On Burma Front

JAPANESE COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25: Leading elements of Gen. Stillwell's American trained and equipped Chinese troops operating in the Haukawno valley have approached to within 500 yards of Taihpa Ga, says an Allied war 'communique' issued from the headquarters of South-East Asia Command. South-west of Taihpa Ga along the Mawngyang Hka river they have made slight advance and repulsed three counter-attacks.

On the Arakan Front during the night 23rd/24th January enemy attacks were made and repulsed in the Razabil area. Three hill features, three miles west of Buthidaung, were cleared with the bayonet in the early hours of 24th January, and a number of the enemy were wiped out.

In the Tiddim area, on the 23rd January, a Japanese rearguard was ambushed north-west of Falam and a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy. East of Tiddim, enemy positions were successfully attacked. A considerable number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

R. A. F. fighters of the Tactical Air Force, Eastern Air Command, in offensive sweeps over Southern Burma destroyed or damaged a number of rivercraft and set fire to enemy occupied buildings. In the Maungdaw area R. A. F. dive-bombers in support of our ground troops, attacked Japanese hill positions.

On the night 23rd/24th January R. A. F. heavy bombers raided Myingyan, while mediums attacked Toungoo, both on the railway between Mandalay and Rangoon. At Toungoo a successful attack on the railway yards started large fires, while at Myingyan many bursts were seen around the station and more fires were started.—A. P.

AUSTRALIAN PINCERS CLOSING IN ON JAPS

SYDNEY, Jan 25.

Only three hundred yards now separate two arms of the Australian pincers closing on the Japanese in the rugged Finisterre mountain area of New Guinea, said reports from the front reaching here to-day. Once this gap is closed the Japanese force will be completely encircled and doomed to extinction. The reports added that the Japanese have been completely outfought and outgeneralled.—Reuter.

Australian-New Zealand Agreement Ratified

SYDNEY, Jan. 25: The Commonwealth Cabinet formally ratified the Australian-New Zealand agreement reached in Canberra last week. The agreement provides for the co-ordination of the war effort of the two countries and declares that the use of any territory as a war measure shall not provide a basis for territorial claims after the war.—Reuter.

Montagu Norman Ill

LONDON, Jan. 25.

A bulletin from the Bank of England to-day said: "Mr. Montagu Norman is suffering from 'pneumococcal septicaemia'." The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran, Dr. Za Littner and Dr. George Riddock.—Reuter.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.

Previous Closing	20.07
To-day's Opening	20.07
Difference	nil
To-day's Closing	20.04
Difference	—03

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors $ 53-1/8; Anaconda Copper Mining $ 25-1/8; United States Steal common $ 53-3/8; United States Steel preference $ 121-5/8.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Jan. 25.

The Market continued firm and the volume of business was large and extensive. Government Securities continued firm and unchanged.

Mrs. Naidu Exposes Propaganda Of Lies

MAHATMA AND CONGRESS NOT PRO-JAPANESE

Reveals How Miraben's Letter To Linlithgow Repudiating Allegations Against Gandhiji Remained Unacknowledged

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, the only member of the Congress Working Committee who is outside jail and has, inspite of ill-health, had an opportunity to observe developments in India, gave at a press conference this evening an authoritative re-affirmation of the Congress position.

PROPAGANDA OF LIES

She emphatically repudiated the suggestion that the outbreak of violence in India was in accordance with Congress plans and that the Congress and Mahatma Gandhi were pro-Japanese.

"If anybody has the audacity to continue saying it, it will be scurrilous, it will be a lie. I can tell you authoritatively, as the only member of the Working Committee outside jail, that so far from being pro-Japanese, we have been consistently against any form of foreign invasion, no matter what label it may bear, because we have had quite enough of foreign invasion. There are no two opinions among us on this".

MIRABEN'S LETTER

Mrs. Naidu revealed that about the end of May 1942, Miraben who was in Orissa looking after the evacuees, sent to Mahatma Gandhi a report of her work and along with that report a questionnaire asking what should be the attitude of the Indian people if the authorities got into a scare about the possibility of some kind of invasion from the East. Mahatma Gandhi dictated a letter in reply to the questionnaire. He gave the fullest instructions in the most uncompromising manner and he declared that there should be no compromise no trade, no barter, no acquiescence and no co-operation with the invader.

Mrs. Naidu herself came to know of this letter at the time of the fast. At that time there was renewed propaganda about Mahatma Gandhi being pro-Japanese and Miraben being used as a messenger and so on.

CAMPAIGN OF LIES

Miraben then wrote a letter to the Viceroy saying that as an Englishwoman she was ashamed of the lying campaign in which her name had been brought in. She also enclosed a copy of the questionnaire and Mahatma Gandhi's reply. But she received no acknowledgment from the Viceroy.

Mrs. Naidu said she proposed soon to print the whole of the questionnaire and the reply. "They will prove", she said, "that we of the Working Committee have always been anti-Japanese. We would be anti-anybody that tried to invade us. We are against all forms of aggression, as we are against all forms of exploitation. That is the position of the Working Committee. It is true, I believe, that owing to this famine in Bengal, the misery of the people, the masses who do not know the difference between a Hottentot and a Zulu, a Chinese or a Russian, might feel that anybody who helped them is welcome. Possibly in Bengal that is the attitude. I don't know. It is a great danger. We must fight it.

But as far as the thinking people, the Congressmen and Mahatma Gandhi are concerned, there is going to be no quarter given and no quarter asked."

MAHATMA AND CRIPPS

Questioned about the allegation that Mahatma Gandhi pulled the strings from behind from Wardha and prevented the Working Committee accepting the Cripps' proposals, Mrs. Naidu declared: "After Gandhiji left Delhi, we had no communication with him, to my certain knowledge." Mahatma Gandhi, she added, had told the Working Committee to do exactly as it liked and declared he would not interfere in the slightest with any decision they might arrive at.

EDUCATION THROUGH THEATRE

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25.

"One of the most vivid and far-reaching channels of education for the people is through the medium of theatre", observes Mrs. Sarojini Naidu who is here in the course of a message to the Indian People's Theatre Association on the occasion of their staging a variety show relating the Bengal famine condition and the political and economic situation in India on the occasion of the Communist Party Conference.

Mrs. Naidu continues: "Since the earliest time the theatre has been the people's university and the drama is the natural interpreter of life. The theme may vary with the changing of needs and growing experience of every generation. To-day it is essential in India as in other lands that the great lessons of unity should be presented to the eyes and hearts of the people and that they should understand their own history of yesterday, to-day and to-morrow in right perspectives and that the realities of their circumstances should be presented to them in the manner that it brings virtuous conviction. I am glad, therefore, the People's Theatre Association has undertaken an urgent task and hope their praiseworthy endeavour to stimulate the minds and conscience of the nation through the medium of theatre will be successful."—United Press.

NAVAL TRAINING IN INDIA

BHOPAL, Jan. 25.

"India now has as good naval training facilities as anywhere in the world", declared Vice Admiral T. H. Godfrey, Flag Officer Commanding Royal Indian Navy, addressing a special meeting of the Bhopal National War Front this morning, under the presidentship of Raja Sir Oudh Narayan Bisarya, President of the Bhopal Executive Council.

Referring to the war in general Admiral Godfrey stressed that Germany was losing the most important battle—the battle of the Atlantic—in spite of the fact that the Germans now had some 400 odd submarines as against the 70 with which they started the war.—A. P.

VICEROY LEAVES BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Jan. 25.

His Excellency the Viceroy accompanied by the Governor of Bombay and Personal Staff left Bombay.

Her Excellency the Viscountess Wavell accompanied by Lady Colville visited the S.S.O.'s Office (Wives and Families Branch), the Shandy Tavern Canteen, the W.V.S. and the B.W.V.C. (Red Cross) Provincial headquarters, the Sir Alwyn Ezra Canteen and the Red Cross War Supplies Depot.

Her Excellency the Viscountess Wavell accompanied by Lady Colville, the Hon'ble Felicity Wavell, Miss Colville and Personal Staff left Bombay.

Belgaum To Honour "C. R."

BELGAUM, Jan. 25.

The Belgaum Municipality unanimously resolved this morning to present an address to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari when he visits Belgaum on the 11th of February.—A. P.

Independence Day Celebration Banned

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 25.

The Provincial Government, it is understood, have banned observance of the Independence Day on January 26 throughout the province and decided to take action under the Criminal Law Amendment Act against persons attempting to hoist Congress flag and organise meetings and processions on that day.—United Press

Debate On Municipal Budget Estimates

The municipal budget estimates for 1944-45 were further debated upon on Tuesday, when one councillor who spoke for more than half an hour and still wanted to talk for an hour more was pulled up by Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor, to be relevant and to the point. The Mayor warned him that if he continued to indulge in random talk, he would have to pull him up.

Mr. Ramnath Podar who spoke on behalf of millowners urged the house not to increase water tax to the mills from 14 annas per thousand gallons to Rs. 1-2. The average cost of bringing water to the city was only three annas per thousand gallons, and to charge the mills Rs. 1-2 per thousand gallons was tantamount to profiteering. He asked the Corporation to spread over the water tax equally on domestic consumers, as well as mills. He admitted that the mills were making profits, but that was in the nature of capital return. As a matter of fact, he said, the mills were now working at a rate which was not sound for the machinery, and it was possible that before long, the millowners would be faced with a terrible situation.

Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas pointed out that the mills were so much prosperous now that a group of mills which nobody would buy for Rs. 50 lacs a few years ago was sold to a syndicate for Rs. four and a half crores only six months ago. The millowners paid for a number of articles ten times more than the pre-war rates, and he failed to understand as to why they should expect the Bombay Municipality to supply them with water at the same old rate. The public should be supplied water at the lowest rates possible, because it was a necessity for them, but to the millowners it was not a necessity, but one of the articles of production of cloth. He then asked the millowners to build quarters for their workmen and to give them housing amenities as they were making huge profits on the toils of the labour.

Some other councillors also spoke, and the Corporation was adjourned till Thursday.

Plague At Pandharpur

Owing to the prevalence of plague in parts of Sholapur District and to the occurrence of several suspected and actual cases at Pandharpur, the public are warned in their own interests that to take part in the ensuing Maghi Fair at Pandharpur will be fraught with considerable danger to themselves.

Allied Advance Towards Rome

Bridgehead Enlarged And Strengthened

ALGIERS, Jan. 25.

The Allied bridgehead south of Rome has been enlarged and strengthened, it is officially announced. The Allies have advanced further inland without so far meeting any formidable German opposition.

On the southern Fifth Army Front enemy counter-attacks have been repulsed. Advances were made by our troops at two points against determined enemy resistance. Patrol activity continues on the Eighth Army Front.

The German overseas radio in its first report from the Nettuno front said to-day: "The enemy is landing battalion after battalion, tank after tank and gun after gun."

By extending their bridgehead south of Rome to at least twelve miles inland, Allied troops have put their landing position out of range of any except longest range artillery, cables Reuter's special correspondent at the Allied Headquarters in North Africa. Few desultory shells of 170 millimetre calibre have dropped on the beaches from a distance of at least fifteen miles.

It was officially indicated that the new depth of the bridgehead falls just short of the Appian Way and the neighbouring railway, but there is not the least doubt that the invasion forces have pushed patrol astride and beyond these first important arteries. Such enemy opposition as has been encountered has consisted of hastily organised battle groups and is officially described as "not formidable." The landing of supplies is going on unhampered although the port of Anzio was found to be heavily mined both on land and in sea.

Along the main 5th Army Front the Germans continue their bitter counter-attacks though, on the whole, they have decreased in number and in intensity during the past 24 hours. There are indications that some Germans are pulling out from the main front to meet the threat in their rear.

The latest news from the main Fifth Army front is that the Germans are continuing strongly to dispute the recent French advances on Monte Croce, but the French have repulsed all of the many counter attacks put in by the Germans.

In the central zone the Americans are again sending probing patrols across the Rapido river. The Americans have so far not attempted to recross the Rapido in force. British troops of the Fifth Army have made a limited increase of their bridgehead on the lower Garigliano. It is known that Sunday saw some of the bloodiest fighting yet seen in Italy.

A veteran of the World War said: "The number of dead Germans in and around Minturno (In the British zone of the Fifth Army Front) exceeds anything I saw on the Somme."—Reuter.

Latest From Italy

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters, North Africa cables:—

British troops of the 5th Army have advanced a short distance after repulsing more strong counter-attacks in the area of Minturno. They have badly chopped up the Germans in ferocious fighting. Allied Air Forces, covering the beachhead south of Rome, have encountered a fair amount of enemy activity. Spitfires shot down at least eight enemy planes during a defensive fighter patrol over the convoy lanes leading to the beaches. The weather is still cloudy, restricting activity. The 94th German Infantry Division is estimated to have lost half of its strength since the British crossed the Garigliano.

Yugoslavia Fights On

LONDON, Jan. 25: The Yugoslav radio broadcast 'communique' from Marshal Tito's Headquarters stating: "In the Doboj-Tuzla sector (Eastern Bosnia) fierce fighting is going on Fighting continues in the town of Tuzla itself, German troops with Ustashi (Croat Quisling Forces) and Mihailovitch Chetniks have succeeded in occupying the town of Senj in the Croat coastal area. In Montenegro fighting is going on against German troops and Chetniks near Danelovgrad."—Reuter.

Ban On Display Of Congress Flag

PATNA, Jan. 24: "The attention of the Government of Bihar" says a press note, "has been drawn to a comment, in a leading paper of Patna, of an incident in the U. P., wherein it has been observed: "So far as is known there has been no legal ban on the flying of the tri-colour flag, generally known as the National Flag."

"In case the public in Bihar are misled by this editorial comment, Government wish to draw attention to the Government of Bihar, notification dated August 5, 1943 wherein the Provncial Government under Rule 59 Clause (Q) of the Defence of India Rules have prohibited the display in public of the Congress flag."—A. P.

6 Years' R.I. For Dhaloun Arson Case Accused

LUCKNOW, Jan. 25: The District and Sessions Judge, Kumaon, delivering judgment on what is known as the forest rest house burning case convicted and sentenced Dewan Singh and Ram Singh, two Congress workers of the Nainital District, under Section 436 I.P.C. to six years' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 500 each, in default to undergo 6 months' further R. I. The Judge acquitted the remaining three accused.

The prosecution alleged that the accused on the night of January 6, 1943 burnt down the forest rest house at Dhaloun in the Ramnagar forest division.—A. P.

One Person Injured In City Bomb Explosion

Four Arrested On Tuesday: Police Raids And Arrests In Gujarat: "Sawdhan" Office Sealed In Nagpur

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

One person was injured as a result of a bomb explosion near the Flora Fountain to-night. The explosion was heard on the foot path near the Bank of India building at about 9-30 p.m. and immediately on receipt of information, the police arrived on the scene. The injured person was removed to the hospital. No arrest was made.

ARRESTS IN CITY

This evening the City Police arrested Messrs. Shantilal Shah, P. M. Joshi and Kumar Raghuvir, all of whom are described as the leaders of the Bombay Students' Union under the Defence of India Rules. Mr. Pandharinath was also taken into custody.

The arrests were effected near the Congress House at Vithalbhai Patel Road and it is stated that some prejudicial leaflets were found in possession of the arrested persons.

Two Remanded To Custody

Earlier in the day two Congress workers, Messrs. Ramkrishna Vaidyanath and R. P. Bharatraj, who were arrested at Dadar G.I.P. Railway Station on Monday night, were produced before the Chief Presidency Magistrate at Esplanade Police Court and remanded to custody for a fortnight. It was stated that they were found in possession of bulletins, posters and Congress flags. It was further stated that the bulletins and posters referred to the Independence Day.

Municipal Schools To Be Closed To-day

The Schools Committee of the Municipal Corporation resolved at their meeting on Tuesday to close all municipal schools on Wednesday (to-day) on account of the Independence Day.

Gulam Rasul Qureshi Arrested

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25: Mr. Gulam Rasul Qureshi, ex-member of the A. I. C. C. was arrested to-day under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules from the Harijan Ashram, Sabarmathi and taken to Sabarmati Central Jail.—A. P.

Cyclostyle Machine Seized

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25: Two persons were arrested to-day for alleged possession of prejudicial literature and a cyclostyle machine, when the police raided a house in the Dariyapur locality and another in the Ellis Bridge area.

Prejudicial literature found at the former place and a cyclostyle machine at the latter were also seized by the police.

Further raids carried out by the police revealed a hand printing press in a room outside Delhi Gate where, it is alleged, prejudicial literature was being printed. Three arrests were made.—A. P.

"Gujarat Samachar" Copies Seized

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25.

The District Magistrate served an order to-night under the Defence of India Rules on the Acting Editor, Mr. Kapilrai Mehta (the editor, Mr. Indravadan Thakore, being in jail) of the "Gujarat Samachar", vernacular daily, prohibiting him from publishing a special issue in connection with Independence Day. The police who served the order seized copies of the paper that were being printed.

Similar orders have been served on the three other vernacular dailies of Ahmedabad, namely, "Sandesh", "Prabhat" and "Bharat".—A. P.

"Independence Day" Pamphlets Seized

(From Our Correspondent)

DOHAD, Jan. 25.

The Mahavir Dohad Press was raided by the police last evening. Composed material with unproofed copy of "Independence Day" pamphlet was seized. Mr. Panalal Modia and Mr. Gani were arrested and the houses of Gendalal Shah and Sajjanlal Talati were searched. Sajjanlal Talati is the secretary of Dohad Yuvak Mandal.

Surat Congressmen Arrested

SURAT, Jan. 25: Hiralal Jetalal of Saiyadpura and Ishwerlal Motilal of Ruwala Tekra were arrested this afternoon under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

Hiralal Jetalal had been convited twice before on a charge of taking out procession in contravention of the District Magistrate's order and having been in posession of prejudicial literature.

Four Congressmen Released

SURAT, January 25: Four Congressmen of Surat have been released from the Nasik prison.

The District and Sessions Judge of Surat has sentenced Mr. Vasantrai Chhottubhai Mehta, ex-post master of Khergaon Post Office, to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 750 on a charge of withdrawing money from the post office savings bank under a forged signature.

SEIZURE OF ALLEGED PREJUDICIAL LITERATURE

The Jalalpore police have seized a bundle of alleged prejudicial literature from a house at the village of At in Jalalpore Taluka, while they were recovering collective fines imposed by the Government. One person has been taken into custody in this connection.

Mr. Sakarlal Purshotamdas Singhwalla, who was taken into custody on a charge of being in possession of unauthorised 'patrikas' has been sentenced to one month's R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 100, in default to undergo one month's further imprisonment.—United Press.

18 Months' R.I. For Defying Magistrate's Order

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25: Kanahya Singh, a Congress worker was sentenced to 18 months' R. I. by Mr. C. H. Disney, Additional District Magistrate, for defying the District Magistrate's order to present himself at the police station three times a week. The accused was released from detention in August 1943.—A. P.

EX-TREASURER OF DELHI P.C.C. ARRESTED

NEW DELHI, January 25: Four persons including Mr. Ramcharan Aggarwal ex-Treasurer of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee, were arrested early this morning presumably as a precautionary measure in connection with Independence Day. Mr. Aggarwal was recently released after one year's detention.—A. P.

Secret Printing Press Seized

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25: A secret printing press together with a large quantity of unauthorised literature has been recovered by the Delhi C. I. D. police who raided a house in Qarol Bagh late last night. Three persons who are alleged to have been engaged in printing leaflets were arrested.

The police raided several other places and arrested five persons including Mrs. Urmila Johri, Sardar Raghbir Singh Panchhazari and Ram Charan, formerly cashier of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee.—A. P.

"Sawdhan" Office Raided

NAGPUR, Jan. 25.

The police searched to-day the office of the Nagpur Hindi weekly "Sawdhan" and sealed its premises. They took away copies of the 'Sawdhan' dated 24th January. Copy of the "Janmabhoomi", a Gujarati daily, dated January 24th 1942 was also seized.—A. P.

Karachi Security Prisoner Released

KARACHI, January 25: Mr. Trivedi, a teacher in a local Gujerati school who had been detained as a security prisoner since the August disturbances was released yesterday from the Karachi jail. Mr. Trivedi was warned by the District authorities not to take part in any subversive activities. He has left for his village in order to attend on his ailing mother.—A. P.

Flag Hoisting At Karachi

KARACHI, Jan. 25: A flag hoisting ceremony is reported to have been performed by some Congress workers in the compound attached to Swaraj Bhawan, the former headquarters of the Sind Provincial and the Karachi District Congress Committees.

Swaraj Bahwan itself has been in the possession of the police since August last year.

Since the flag hoisting ceremony, the guard at the building has been extended to the compound as well.

The police are reported to have removed the flag which was placed by Congress workers during the flag-hoisting ceremony.—A. P.

Britain And U. S. A. Not To Recognise New Bolivian Junta

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 25.

Mr. Anthony Eden announced in the House of Commons that the British Government do not recognise the Bolivian Junta as the legal Government of Bolivia.

Mr. Eden stated: "On December 20, 1943 the Bolivian Government under General Penaranda which had declared war on Germany and had signed the United Nations declaration some months previously, was overthrown by force and replaced by a Revolutionary Junta.

Information which is available to us indicates that this development is connected with the activities of subversive groups hostile to the cause of the United Nations which are at work in the western hemisphere.

His Majesty's Government have been in the closest consultation on this subject with the United States Government. His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom do not recognise the Junta as the legal Government of Bolivia.

His Majesty's Minister-designate to La Paz will not now, therefore, take up his post.

The Governments of the United States, Brazil, Uruguay, Venezuela and Costa Rica have all declared officially that they also do not recognise this Revolutionary Junta at La Paz".

Mr. Eden said that it was fairly clear that there were subversive groups in South America hostile to the cause of the United Nations and in touch, he believed, with the nations with whom the Allies were at war. He thought the activities were organised in main by German agents.—A. P.

SATYAMURTHI MEMORIAL

MADRAS, Jan. 25.

At a meeting of prominent citizens of Madras held at the Mahajan Sabha Hall, it was decided to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. S. Satyamurthi by raising a suitable memorial and a committee was appointed to take necessary steps in that connection.—A. P.

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Ceylon Reforms And Status Of Indians

QUESTION OF FRANCHISE & CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS MUST BE CLARIFIED

BOMBAY, Jan. 25.

A fervent appeal to the Board of Ministers in Ceylon to revise their attitude on the vital question of franchise rights of citizenship, etc., for the Indians in the Island while formulating a scheme for the future constitution for the Island has been made by Mr. M A. Haham Premji, a prominent member of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, and a former member of the Indian Delegation from Ceylon.

"In the struggle for independence of Ceylon", Mr. Premji added, "The Indians have played a vital part and have made great contributions to the economic development of the Island. This and their vital connections in the economic structure of Ceylon entile them to a place of responsibility in the body politic of the Island. It is indeed a matter of great regret that on such important and vital questions affecting the future position of nearly nine lakhs of Indians in Ceylon, the Board of Ministers should think that the questions of franchise, rights of citizenship and such other questions for Indians are internal matters, and as such need not find place in the scheme which is being framed for submission to the Secretary of State for Colonies. The indians who constitute nearly one-sixth of the population of the Island have only three representatives in the State Council, and their requests to the Ministers to place the scheme as framed by the Ministers for discussion before the State Council in order to give an opportunity to this important minority to submit its claims for consideration before the Board of Ministers was turned down. Only certain Minority leaders were called individually by the Board of Ministers and the Indians were informed that the question of franchise and rights of citizenship was an internal matter, and therefore would not form part of the scheme of reforms to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Colonies. It is a matter of deep concern for Indians in Ceylon and the people of this country that the Board of Ministers should have taken up this attitude towards the Indian question and should not have given an opportunity to the representatives of Indians in the Legislature to voice their legitimate demands. This has justly created a fear in the minds of the Indians that the question with regard to their future status, position representation, franchise, and rights of citizenship in Ceylon under the Constitution will be ignored, and it will not be wrong to say that it will constitute a grave breach of all political laws. If Ceylon Ministers try to trample the inherent rights of Indians in Ceylon under some pretext or the other. This may have a serious consequence on the good relations existing between the two countries which are geographically, ethnically and historically so greatly allied to each other.

"There are already several discriminatory laws against Indians in Ceylon which have yet been attended to, inspite of repeated protests. I hope that good sense and feeling of friendship will prevail, and the Ministers will reconsider their decision.—United Press.

EXHIBITION SOCCER AT COOPERAGE

Prominent British Professionals To Play Against A Bombay XI To-day

(By FREE LANCE)

Although it is now the off-season for soccer in Bombay, the W.I.F.A. has been persuaded to arrange a special exhibition match at the Cooperage to-day. The reason for this unusual step is said to be the presence of a number of prominent British professional players in our city. Recently they played a friendly match with the Royal Air Force team which had won the Rovers Cup last season, and defeated them by the heavy margin of six goals to nil. Among the professionals were:—

Goal: Cpl. Weare (West Ham United).

Backs: Cpl. Williams (Millwall and Wales) and L.A.C. Heppell.

Halves: Sgt. Powell (Queen's Park Rangers and Wales), Cpl. Harper (Barnsley) and Sgt. Keene (Derby).

Forwards: Egt. Barbanks (Sunderland), Cpl. Curtis (Arsenal), Sgt. Otterwell (Chester), Egt. Buchan (Blackpool and Scotland) and Sgt. Mcguigan (Queen's ark Rangers).

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It is said that if these players signed on in England to-day, they would be worth about £60,000! Whatever their value may be in coins, they are worth much more for the intrinsic value of their play. They will meet a Bombay eleven composed of the following players, to-day:—

Goal: Church (Royal Air Force).

Backs: Manuel (W.I.A.A. Staff) and Ross (City Police).

Halves: Speck (Base Sub Area), Towle (Base Sub Area) Captain, and Kennedy (East Yorks).

Forwards: Wriggles worth (Royal Air Force), Follon (Base Sub Area), Coates (East Yorks), Lancelot (Royal Air Force) and Dhakuram (W. I. A. A. Staff).

I do not know why more Indian players have not been included in the Bombay team. Perhaps they are out of practice. I hope another engagement will be arranged for them in the near future. I have no doubt to-day's match will produce football of a rare type, which is will be worth travelling many miles to see.

LONDON INDIANS CONDEMN VAIDYA'S ARREST

"It's Bad Politics And Bad Statesmanship To Exacerbate Indian Feeling"

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The Independent Labour Party leader Mr. James Maxton is calling a meeting of Members of Parliament shortly to consider the arrest of the Indian journalist Mr. Suresh Vaidya on the charge of being an absentes from the British army.

At a West London Police Court last week it was stated that Mr. Vaidya stood on the charge of being an absentee from the British army.

At a West London Police Court last week it was stated that Mr. Vaidya had returned his army enlistment notice. He was ordered to be handed over to a military escort.

"BAD STATESMANSHIP"

Mr. Maxton told Reuter's special correspondent to-day that the meeting, which would consist mainly of Labour Members of Parliament, would decide whether to raise in the House of Commons not only Mr. Vaidya's case, but the whole question of conscription of Indians in this country.

"The present position," said Mr. Maxton, "is pretty raw, having regard to the general attitude of the Indian National Congress to the war. It is bad politics and bad statesmanship to exacerbate feeling by conscripting Indian nationals."

A meeting of Indians, their friends and sympathisers, organised by the Swaraj House, have passed a resolution strongly protesting against the Order-in-Council extending the National Service Armed Forces Act to all so-called British subjects resident in this country for more than three months.

UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE URGED

Another resolution "vehemently condemns the action of the British authorities against Mr. Suresh Vaidya, former Secretary of the Swaraj House, and demands his immediate and unconditional release."

LEGALITY OF ORDER-IN-COUNCIL CHALLENGED

The Ministry of Labour tell me, says Reuter's special correspondent, that only a very small number of Indians have been called up for national service in this country.

The National Service Acts do not affect Indians who are students or who are here for temporary purposes only. Permanent residents become liable for compulsory service after two years in this country. Until last week the same conditions applied to the Dominions, but under the new Order-in-Council the period of residence is reduced to three months in the case of those Dominions which have their own compulsory service schemes.

This was done to bring Dominion nationals in this country into line with their fellow countrymen at home. Neither India nor South Africa, where compulsory service does not apply, are affected by this Order. —Reuter.

GOVT. APPEAL TURNED DOWN

High Court Acquits Jalgaon Communist

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Wadia and Mr. Justice Weston).

The Province of Bombay ..Appellant Versus.

Sadashiv Narayen Bhalerao Opponent (Original Accused).

The Opponent, the Secretary of the Hindi Communist Party Jalgaon, had been acquitted by the First Class Magistrate, Jalgaon City, of the offence of having published and distributed copies of a leaflet containing prejudicial reports in contravention of Rule 34 (6) (e) and (g) of the Defence of India Rules. The Government appealed to the High Court from this order of acquittal.

In dismissing the appeal Their Lordships referred to the decision of the Federal Court in the case of N. D. Majumdar, and observed that in the present case the leaflet contained no words of actual incitement to violence nor did it contain words which created reasonable likelihood of violence or public disorder which the Federal Court laid down was the gist of the offence. Their Lordships stated that there were passages in the leaflet which held up Government to hatred or contempt but were of opinion that abusive language even when used about a Government was not necessarily sedition. Their Lordships therefore held that the accused had not committed a prejudicial act within Rule 34 (6) (e) and (g) of the Defence of India Rules and dismissed the Government's appeal.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer with the Government Pleader, Mr. R. G. Rao appeared for the Appellant.

Mr. K. T. Sule appeared for the Opponent.

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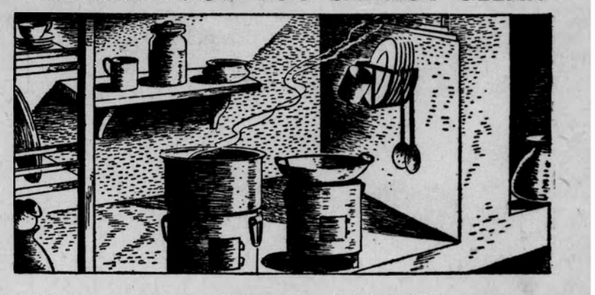

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LITERACY WEEK: At Khalsa College Mr. K. T. Mantri will address students.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN: Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications' column

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: The 36th annual general meeting at 4 p.m. (N.S.T.), in the Chamber's Hall.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, 6-15 p.m.

BHARATI SONGS RECITAL: By Sri P. S. Krishnan, assisted by suitable accompaniments at the S. I. Association at 8-30 p.m. Mr. F. G. Natesa Aiyar will preside.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: On "The spiritual religious and moral needs of Zarathushtrian youths, in relation to their daily life," at Mazdaznan Hall, opposite Churchgate Station at 6-15 p.m.

FREEDOM GROUP: Ordinary meeting at 6-30 p.m. in the rooms of the Fort Welfare Centre, 5th floor, Noble Chambers, Parsi Bazar Street, (junction of Ghoga Street), Fort, on the completion of one year of the Freedom Group.

BOMBAY SOOT KANTAN MANDALI: Programme of mass spinning at Sikha Nagar Vithalbhai Patel Road Bombay 4, at 8 p.m. (S.T.) Those desiring to take part should bring their own spinning wheels (Charkha) etc.

MUSLIM WELFARE UNION, BANDRA, has contributed, through Mr. M. A. Jinnah, a sum of Rs. 1,001 to be sent to the Muslim Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, for the relief of the starving millions of Bengal.

DAWOODI BOHRA INFORMATION BUREAU: Public meeting of Dawoodi Bohras of Bombay at Pakmodia Street, Bhendi Bazar, at 9-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) to condemn the so-called Dawoodi Bohra Conference held on 17th, 18th, 22nd and 23rd instant at Nagpada, Bombay.

SEEDS TRADERS' ASSOCIATION LTD.: The election of office-bearers and directors from 12 to 5-30 p.m. to-day and the seventeenth annual general meeting on Friday, the 28th instant at 4 p.m. (S.T.) at Jenabai Building, Masjid Bunder Road, Bombay.

RATION CARDS OF HOMELESS IN SUBURBS: The validity of ration cards issued in the City of Bombay and the rationed area in the Bombay Suburban District to persons who are homeless and without means of livelihood has now been extended by Government upto 14th October, 1944. Authorised Distributors are being instructed to supply rations to holders of such ration cards accordingly.

TO-DAY'S PUBLIC MEETINGS.
The Secretary, Bombay Committee of the Communist Party writes:—
Under the auspices of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India two public meetings will be held to-day. One meeting will be held at 6-30 p.m. on Pippal Maidan, Fergusson Road, where Com. P. C. Joshi, Gen. Secretary of the Party will preside and Com. B. T. Ranadive, member of the Politburo of the Party, will speak.

The other meeting will be held at 9-30 p.m. at the Husseini Baug, Rippon Road, when Com. Oak, Secretary, Bombay Committee of the Party will preside and Com. K. M. Ashraf will speak on the occasion.

The meetings will demand the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru and other Congress leaders, to save Bengal from famine and the country from Jap aggression.

RESULTS OF MUSIC EXAMS.

The following pupils of Miss Dina S. Sauga, L.T.C.L., L.R.S.M., were successful at the Theory and Practical examinations held in Poona, in 1943:—

'ASSOCIATED BOARD': (Practical)—Zenobia P. Anklesaria: Gr VIII (Final): Pass. Nergish H. Tavaria: Gr VIII (Final): Pass. Gool J. Patell: Gr VII (Adv): Pass. Dora Fernandez: Gr V (Higher): Pass. Bapsy M. Pavri: Gr III (Tran): Distinction. Marie Sequeira: Gr II (Ele): Credit. Margarette Aaroon: Gr II (Ele): Pass.

'ASSOCIATED BOARD' (Theory): Nergish H. Tavaria: Gr II (Harmony) Pass.

'TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC' (Practical): Zenobia P. Anklesaria: (A.T.C.L., Teacher's Diploma): Pass. Shiraz B. Anklesaria: (Jun. Div.): Merit.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC. (Theory), Pilloo F. Writer (Teaching and Form) Pass. Zenobia P. Anklesaria (Teaching and Form) Pass. Nergish H. Tavaria: (Adv Inter) Hons. Gool J. Patell: (Adv Inter) Hons. Roshen B. Anklesaria (Adv Inter) Hons. Shiraz B. Anklesaria (Adv Jun) Hons. Dora Fernandez (Adv Jun) Hons. Bapsy M. Pavri (Adv Jun) Merit. Margarette Aaroon (Jun Div) Hons. Piroja Framji (Prep Div) Hons. Arni Rustom (Prep Div) Hons. Marie Sequeira (Prep. Div) Hons.

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BOMBAY ART SOCIETY

Contemporary Events Figure In Exhibits

This year's annual exhibition of the Bombay Art Society is encouraging, as it shows distinct advance over the preceding year's show both as regards the quality and quantity of the exhibits. It reveals some budding talent and also a definite urge on the part of a few artists to go ahead. Upward trends are easily discernible in the painting sections. Sculpture has failed to keep pace with the latter.

WATER-COLOURS

The water-colour section (Western School) is rich and varied. Mr. S. H. Raza, who has contributed a set of fine paintings, gets the merited award of a silver medal. Mr. Bendre's exhibits are distinctive as ever and so are Mr. Dalal's "Intoxication" (19) and "Stitch in Time" (17). The section gains additional strength by the works of Mrs. Goodwin, Lady Kays and Messrs. M. J. Diwadkar, H. E. Hudson, K. K. Hebbar and S. V. Waghulkar. Other exhibits which are interesting are Mr. Karanjgaokar's "Rest" (77) and "Bathing Her Child" (78), Mr. K. H. Ara's "Village Market" (54) and "Weekly Bazar" (58), Mr. G. M. Solegaokar's "At Omkareshwar" (10), Mr. K. S. Kulkarni's "Visarjan" (92) and "Pawoos" (97), Mr. R. B. Prasad's "A Street Market" (127) and Mr. M. M. Vijaykar's "Ferry Wharf" (115).

INDIAN PAINTINGS

Mr. K. H. Ara has come out this year with solid work and has snatched away the Governor's prize of Rs. 250 for a large painting "The Wild Maratha Battle" (362). The battle scene, which is skilfully composed and forcefully painted, is full of excitement, action and movement. Endeavours made by a few artists to record in paint some of the events of contemporary life such as "The Congress Movement", "Eighth August 1942," "Flag Salutation", "Bengal Relief Fund", etc. are a refreshing feature of the Indian Section. Opposed to the artists who are imbued with the spirit of the age will be found some old timers whose feet are stuck fast to the ground.

Mr. S. D. Suraiya, who has painted "Eighth August 1942" is easily singled out also by other paintings in his personal style. Mr. Bhanu Smart has explored, not without success, a new avenue in his "Daulila" (326) and "Playmates" (446). "Sunday Morning, Matheran Hill" (390) is a beautiful landscape by Miss Rati Petit, Mr. Shakir Ali's exhibit (342) is a delightful mural design. Mr. Solegaokar's "Alarm" (335) and A. M. Jamil's "The Red Filly" (391) and "Creation" (402) cannot escape notice. Interesting works are contributed by Miss Angela Trindade, Mrs. Sumati P. Sankerseth, Mrs. Nirmala Desai, Mr. L. N. Meghavi and Mr. Hiralal Patel. There are on view a few paintings from the Hyderabad School.

The section of oil paintings shows sufficient material of interests. Mr. D. J. Joshi's "Weekly Bazar" (226), Mr. Solegaokar's "Fisherwomen" (223), Mr. Bendre's "My Admirers" (229), Mr. Hebbar's "Approval" (230) and "Interval" (228) and Mr. Dalal's "In this our life" (242) are fine varieties. Mr. Mali, who gets the silver medal, has exhibited two paintings. Messrs. Karanjgaokar and P. T. Reddy are conspicuous by their styles in their respective sets of paintings and Mr. Ara is noticed in this section also with his appreciable contribution. The works exhibited by Messrs. Kiron Sinha and Har Kishon Lall introduce them as artists of promise.

OTHER SECTIONS

A few good pastels by Mr. H. F. Knight and Messrs. Anand and Gurjir are found in the Black and White section. Mr. Y. K. Shukla has contributed a group of delightful etchings. Other etchings which attract attention are by Mr. H. C. Mierre. Sculpture shows a few noteworthy examples which include Mr. V. V. Leyden's wood-carving, Mr. S. K. Bakre's "Koli Lad", Mr. N. G. Pansare's "Ivory Head" and a few pieces by Mr. D. B. Jog. Mr. B. K. Goregaoker has touched an important economic problem of the day in "Help—we are starving." The photographic section has some good work in "Evelyn" by Dr. S. B. Cooper (silver medal), "Misty Morn" by Mr. N. V. Mehta, Elephantine Fury" by Mr. H. E. Tyndale, "the Turban" by Mr. S. B. Tata and "Basket Makers" by Mr. N. W. Goghari.

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ALL-INDIA MUSIC CONGRESS

The inauguration of the All-India Music Congress will take place tomorrow (Thursday), at 6-30 p.m. at the Convocation Hall, when the Rt. Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar, P. C. will preside. The session will last up to Tuesday 1st February 1944. Apart from recitals by eminent artistes of All-India fame, there will be discussions and papers on the various music problems of the day. Srimati Kokilagana M. S. Subbalakshmi, the leading exponent of Karnataki music, is the latest addition to the list of eminent artistes participating in the Congress. She is giving a recital at the extra sitting of the Congress on Friday at 6 p.m. The gathering at the Convocation Hall promises to be a grand convocation of India's leading musicians representing different styles and schools of music. It is a grand parade of India's music talents, and music fans will have a unique opportunity of listening to this grand assembly of music exponents.

UDAY SHANKAR'S SHADOWPLAY FOR WORKERS

Under the auspices of Indian People's Theatre, Uday Shankar will stage his now famous shadowplay 'Ramleela' for the benefit of the workers living in Parel area at Kamgar Maidan on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th instant at 8-45 p.m. To suit the Worker's pocket the rates of admission have been kept at Rs. 1-4-0, As. 10, and As. 5.

Shapurji Congresswala Dead

We regret to announce the death, which took place at Surat Parsi General Hospital on Thursday last, of Mr. Shapurji Bhicaji Congresswala, at the age of 72. His family surname was "Patel", but owing to his taking part in the Indian National Congress activities he was popularly known as "Congresswala". He was one of the oldest Congressmen in this Presidency, who had always warm sympathies for Congress and Congressmen.

Starvation Deaths In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Jan. 25.

Twelve sick-destitutes died yesterday in different hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs. There were 25 new admissions and 20 such persons were discharged during the day.—A. P.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Jan 25.

Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 21st January 1944 :—

Allahabad 78 49 0, BOMBAY 85 66 0, Calcutta 77 52 0, Cawnpore 74 49 0, Delhi 76 49 0, Dehra Dun 67 43 0, Jacobabad 78 49 0, Karachi 78 64 0, Lahore 67 40 0, Madras 84 70 0, Nagpur 82 55 0, Patna 75 49 0, Peshawar 68 37 0, Simla 48 35 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

India's freedom must revolutionise the world's outlook upon Peace and War. Her impotence affects the whole of mankind.

—Mahatma Gandhi.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDIANS' BIRTHRIGHT

This day fourteen years ago the people of India first took the pledge of Independence. Since then that pledge has been renewed from year to year. The Congress organisations to-day are illegal and the observance of the day will not be marked by the usual processions and meetings. But, as Mrs. Sarojini Naidu says in her message on the eve of Independence Day, "it is not to a ceremony but to a sacrament that we are bidden year by year on the 26th January." Government may not permit public ceremonies, but there is not an Indian to-day, who loves his country, who will not, in his own way, in his heart renew the pledge to achieve the freedom of his country. Mrs. Naidu in her message says: "Before we commemorate this national anniversary, whether in crowded places under the sky, in the quiet of our own homes or in the grim privacy of prison camps, let us all reassess our moral and spiritual resources and kindle within our hearts an imperishable passion for liberty which alone can help us to sustain the burden and the splendour of our solemn vow." While to-day the people of India go through the process of such reassessment, the day has a message for the British Government and their agents in this country also. Independence is the birthright of the people of India as much as it is the birthright of any other nation in the world and this war will have been fought in vain if the people of India are cheated of their birthright. What are the British Government and their agents here doing to see that India is not thus cheated and the war is not robbed of its great and noble purpose?

Mr. Edward Thompson, the well-known English author, speaking at a meeting held in Birmingham on Sunday, truly said that "India more than anything else had 'shot our ethics to pieces' and that Britain had the noblest cause that men had died for but somehow seemed to have a knack of making it seem ignoble before the world." From all over this country the demand has gone forth for the release of Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders without evoking any response from the Government. They were detained without trial and the period of their detention has become unconscionably long. The resolution for which they were arrested did not automatically inaugurate any mass movement but only authorized Gandhiji to inaugurate it if and when he considered it necessary and Gandhiji himself in his memorable speech at the meeting of the All-India Congress Committee on 8th August, 1942, made it clear—that he did not contemplate the exercise of his authority until he had written to the Viceroy and exhausted all resources of negotiation. Even assuming that the Government were justified in ordering the arrest of Gandhiji and the Congress leaders as a preventive measure, the circumstances in the country as well as the war situation have so radically altered as to make that measure unnecessary. Surely if Sir Oswald Mosley, the declared friend of Nazism and Fascism, can be released without prejudicing war effort, why should Gandhiji and the Congress leaders be not released, especially as their release would remove the feeling of sullenness and frustration among the people which is hardly conducive to enthusiastic and effective war effort?

India is now to serve as the base for all the operations of the South-East Asia Command. The urgent necessity of the war, if nothing else, demands that no time should be lost in releasing Gandhiji and other leaders and securing the establishment of a truly popular Government. Mr. Pritt, speaking at a London meeting on Sunday, said: "In this colossal war when one would think no one could be spared from the war effort, we have 400 millions of our peoples—with one of the Fascist Powers on her borders—angry, sullen and discontented, which has reduced the production we could get from them. India wants a Government which is based on the feeling of Indian people and which would deal with all problems, political, social and economic, which are affecting them." The soundness of this view no one who knows anything of India and of the war needs of the Allies can question for a moment. Lord Wavell, who has conducted wars and who has been appointed Viceroy to see that the war against Japan is won as soon as possible, should be among the first to share and act upto this view. We hope he does and that two years' stay in India and association with heardened bureaucrats, who mistake obstinacy for prestige and Law and Order for statesmanship, have not made it difficult for him to extricate himself from the influence of his entourage and that he has not accepted the viceroyalty only to carry out the discredited policy of Messrs. Churchill and Amery as regards this country.

Battle Of Leningrad

Red forces under General Govorkorov by storming the important railway junctions of Pushkin and Pavlovsk-Slutsk on the Leningrad Bateskya and Leningrad-Novgorod lines respectively have made a material contribution to the relief of the northern capital of Russia. The battle of Leningrad is progressing satisfactorily in all directions, and the next few weeks should see the final liquidation of the Nazi stranglehold on the city which the Germans have maintained for the last two years. One by one the railway links south of the city are being wrested from the Germans, and they are being steadily rolled back in the southern and south-western directions. Red troops are now only a few miles from the three key junctions of Krasnogvardesk, Tosno and Chudovo. If the first two junctions fall into Russian hands, the German escape-line to the Baltic will have been effectively cut off, while the capture of Chudovo will remove finally the German grip on the Leningrad-Moscow railway line. The success of the Red Armies' enveloping movements during the past few days has been such as to take the Germans completely by surprise and in more than one sector German troops are reported to be actually on the run, suffering heavy losses in men and equipment.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

U-Boat Menace

Despite the new tactics adopted by them German U-boats have had to pay dearly for their recent attempts to interfere with the movements of Allied convoys in the Atlantic. The joint communique recently issued by the British Admiralty and Air Ministry has thrown revealing light on the masterly way in which British escort vessels and aircraft beat off the repeated attacks of the U-boats and bombers which accompanied them. The U-boats of late have not only been operating in packs, but are also being actively aided by aircraft armed with glider-bombs, rendering the task of protecting the convoys doubly difficult. But that these tactics have been practically mastered by the British Navy and R.A.F. was shown by the heavy loss inflicted on the Germans when the U-boats tried to intercept Allied convoys off the French and Portuguese coasts. At least one U-boat was sunk and two others were probably destroyed and a number of others were damaged as a result of the encounter. The Germans are not likely to forget the lesson for a considerable while

10 Million In Semi-Starvation State

The statement issued by Pundit Hirdaynath Kunzru regarding food situation in Malabar, Cochin and Travancore should make the Central Government as well as the public realize the urgency of taking remedial measures. Pundit Kunzru says: "It makes one shudder to think that from Malabar to Travancore about ten million people should be living in a state of semi-starvation" Pundit Kunzru recently toured throughout South India and he has issued his statement after making thorough enquiries. We endorse his view that now that the public, which had only a slight knowledge of the conditions that prevail in that part of India, is more fully aware of the misery which the people of Malabar, Cochin and Travancore are undergoing, it will insist that as much effort should be made to save the lives of the inhabitants of these places as those of the inhabitant of any other province.

PARSIS & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Mr. A. P. Sabavala's Reply To Prof. P. A. Wadia

Prof. Wadia has attempted to shower glory on himself and on his "Freedom Group" I was aware that Prof. Wadia was mildly interested in politics, but I had no knowledge that he was President of a Group—"The Freedom Group."

It was on the 27th October or thereabouts that Prof. Wadia wrote to me and expressed a desire to meet myself and some of my friends in the Corporation on the question of adult franchise. We gave them a very patient talk lasting for nearly three hours, in which we tried to explain to them by facts and figures how on this question of adult franchise the minorities are faced with a total black-out. It is necessary, therefore, for me to approach you to publish a few facts and figures so as to bring before the minds of the people a clear picture of the whole affair.

Before the debate started, myself and other friends belonging to what are known as Minority Groups in the Corporation approached Mr. Motichand Kapadia. A conference took place at which various suggestions were made, none of which appeared to be acceptable to the Congress Party. Negatively we put it to the Congress leaders that supposing out of an elected membership of 106 the Congress Party were guaranteeed 70 or 72 seats on the basis of population only, is the Congress Party willing to guarantee the quota of representative, namely, 36 or 34 to the minorities in turn? A complete silence prevailed on this point. The Congress Party in the Corporation is out to create a hegemony under the protection of the Hindus by using a democratic camouflage of adult franchise.

It is also necessary for me to bring forcefully before the mind of the public the general atmosphere which prevails. Adult franchise is misapplied where civic elections are concerned. In England there is no adult franchise either for the London County Council or for any of the Municipal Boroughs. The franchise is deliberately restricted by Parliament to landlord and tenant only. By no stretch of imagination can you characterise England as a backward country. Literacy is very high. Proletariat is uplifted and knows its rights. British Parliament which forged the Municipal Constitution of England thought it more expedient to restrict the municipal franchise so that the constitution may work more efficiently. The effect of adult franchise is to tilt the scale entirely in favour of the major community, so that it will not only be possible for the Congress Party to keep a perennial majority, but whatever proportion of minority representation there should be on a population basis would be entirely destroyed due to partitioning of Bombay into various small wards. We must needs follow the English example because a local municipal authority does not pass any laws effecting the lives of the people but the municipality exists merely for specific services necessary for the well being of a city in consideration of the taxes paid by the people. It is, therefore, only right that those who contribute to the exchequer of the municipality in the shape of taxes should have a voice in determining as to who should represent them on the Corporation. An election based on adult franchise must in the end deteriorate into communal elections where a great political machine like the Congress can easily swop up perhaps 100 per cent of seats on the municipal bodies. I ask any member of the public to say whether this will be an advisable end. The general atmosphere prevailing is one of great fear and suspicion. The minorities have lost all confidence in either justice or fair play by the Congress Party towards the minorities. The smallest job is distributed on communal basis only. I am restraining myself from quoting instances now, but if any challenge is thrown, I shall produce instances on instances of the gravest possible injustice done in nomination to various posts in the Municipality where efficiency was sacrificed to strengthen the political hold of the Congress on the city. Prof. Wadia loftily suggests that he has consulted Mr. Motichand, the leader of the Congress Party, who in his turn has assured him that there will be 10 Parsees on the Municipal body in future elections. Esteemable though the Congress leader may be his assurance to the Parsis of always getting 10 seats on the Corporation is not worth a penny. Similarly, during the debate Mr. Mirajkar, the Labour leader, also promised the Parsis a further 10 seats on the Corporation. These promises made galore are of no account. What we want is the fundamental right of the citizen to be able to represent him by candidates of his own choice, whatever Party label he may bear and it is because I am convinced beyond a shadow of doubt that this will not be that I have taken up this matter of agitation.

Coming to the details of population, according to the last census the population of Bombay is noted as 14,89,00. Out of this the minorities are as under :

Schedule classes ...	1,25,958
Muslims	2,51,318
Europeans	13,001
Anglo-Indians	8,797
Indian Christians	78,149
Parsis	59,813
Jews	10,390
Others	6,456
	5,53,882

which means that one-third of the population who pay a considerable amount of rates and taxes will be almost without representation due entirely to an adult franchise.

Every shade of minority opinion expressed cogent argument, tried their hardest to arrive at a compromise, but the Congress Party was unbending in its attitude. The Congress Party in this game of adult franchise sees in it an opportunity and a chance of creating hegemony under the Congress Raj, if need be with the consent of the British Raj, and under the protection of the British bayonet. Let there be no camouflaged nationalism. What I am fighting for is the creation of a united India by a combined effort of all Indians who have a right to share in the Government of their great country. The Congress does not possess monopoly of love for their country. The minorities also love their country, and if it is thought that by mere political juggling to shame the minorities into a fight for freedom by which the Bania will be on the top to collect all the gold and political power, then, to my mind a tragic and a fundamental mistake is being made, for the minorities are all Indians who have a right to fight for service of their country, who have also a right to claim privileges and possessions.

A. P. SABAVALA.

Bombay, Jan. 21.

Indian Princes And An Ominous Dream

By ALARMED

I am being harassed by a dream which insists on repeating itself and recurring like a nightmare. The subject-matter of this dream will tell its own tale. And as many of my dreams have often come true I sincerely hope this may not. Should, God forbid, this imaginary vision enter the sphere of reality I fear the results would be appalling and disastrous. Without a longer prelude I must come at once to that frightful dream.

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I see a magnificent Durbar in a well-known Indian State held with the elegance befitting the occasion. Unlike the Durbars held on Moghul grandeur to which dignitaries of States had the right to entry and a place in it, this is a most secret Durbar held within closed doors; guarded, to maintain the strictest secrecy, by stalwart and alert guards whose naked swords are to prevent eavesdroppers from taking advantage of key-holes.

In the Durbar I see the foremost rulers, ranking first in the realm, solemnly sitting in their respective dignity and order, unattended even by their indispensable retinue of ministers and A.D.C. The president opens the Durbar with these words which must be read, re-read and read between the lines specially by leaders of the Congress, the Muslim League, the Mahasabha and the Akhand Hindustan ideology, if they wish well of their country :—

"Your Highnesses, illustrious members of the Order to which we belong by right and heritage, I have invited you and beg sincerely to be excused for the trouble I have put you to in answering my humble call by coming from long distances and farthest ends of India—North, South, East, West and Centre. I owe you great thanks. I have sought your company for a most secret purpose and request you in the sanctity of the name of our Order to keep it a dead secret until the time for action comes. I wish to put each one of you, if I may take the liberty to do so on your word of honour to give me your unrestrained and frank opinion as to whether you agree with me or do not to join in a venture which has appealed to me and which I am going to propound to you."

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"You, I am sure, have pursued carefully the various stages of advance political parties in British India have been making for the last fifty years or more : our safety and stability in the dominions which our ancestors conquered by the power of their swords and maintained by the wisdom of state-craft, depend entirely on the true understanding and fathoming of the spirit that pervades the British Indian Revolt. Briefly put, I request you, nay beseech you to give thought to this developing threat in British India and decide for yourselves whether all that the British Indian, with all his statesmanship, devises and endeavours to achieve, can be retained by him for a moment if his efforts are crowned with success. Has he the makings of it? I have pondered over this question for the past year. We have all seen the culmination of the British Indian's political cry for liberty, freedom and independence in the slogans "Quit India", "Divide and Quit", etc. Hope centres round this ultimatum and the great political brain of British India expects that at the end of the war Britain will rise to the height of her wisdom and liquidate the British Empire; I do not know, my dear brethren, how all this has affected your imagination in giving yourself a place and the proper place in the new Order and political Reorientation. I for one, welcome the slogans of British Indians for if their wishes fly, as they desire them to, I see, and I know I am not erring, a great future for us the Indian States. If and a thousand times if, Britain quits India how long can that dreamer and fancier with all his hordes behind him retain or cling to the great find which comes to him as "God send"? We know and know it too well that during nearly two centuries of rule over India, England has taken studious care slowly but surely to deprive the Indian tiger of his claws and teeth, the mightly elephant of his tusks and the deadly snake of his venom. What is left with the British India to hold a RAJ—? Gandhi has brought out the only weapon left—Ahimsa—non-violence. Your Highnesses, I trust you will agree with me that Ahimsa is only a political stunt and at best an ideology. Non-violence cannot sustain against violence. Their Ahimsa will blow out with a whiff like the flickering flame. Power and all that it connotes can alone maintain power. It will prove only a momentous greed on their part. To my mind the corollary of "Quit India" is "Enter Princes"

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"If you agree with me in these views, pray say so with sincerity, courage and unanimously as I have some practical suggestions to make for your consideration and action."

"Your Highnesses are as well aware as I am that man cannot peep into the future but if by any chance England is advised to quit India and hand it over to, I cannot imagine to whom, but to homsoever, we members of our Order must make a combined entry into British India from all corners convenient to each of us and occupy and be possessed of the territory adjacent to ours. To be able to do so successfully, I would, if I may, lay down a few precepts rather commandments to be followed and adhered to most religiously."

"On your return to your capitals, Your Highnesses should (1) get together all Brothers of our Order in your parts of the country and apprise them of this plan determined upon by us here to-day. (2) On getting their unflinching agreement decide with the fullest concord and accord as to how much and which of the territory so conquered would go to the princes of your one. Decide this scrupulously in the spirit of pure justice to each other, and, indeed, generously to avoid the least friction. For friction we cannot afford in these circumstances. We must stand united. (3) Lose no time after that to annex the territories so apportioned and amalgamate them in your respective dominions."

"Before we can feel competent to achieve this aim we must be prepared ourselves for this great venture."

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"Man Power is the foremost question. Each of us has according to our means a standing army, a police force and body guards. If the British go so far as to quit India they will certainly withdraw their white army and disband the Indian. We all must hasten to employ as many of these men as we can. With the Ahimsa and the unpreparedness of British India these forces in our command would, I feel confident, do the trick."

"Opportunities seldom arise, perhaps, once in a blue moon; and when they do catch them by the forelock. We will never get an opportunity again to conquer British India We must, therefore act at the proper moment. To conquer British India is our first aim. History, particularly Indian history, however, teaches us that conquest may be difficult, but more difficult a task is to maintain that conquered territory. I crave your indulgence to give me the opportunity to utter the truth on this point. Weaknesses have crept into the rule of some of us which have injured our name and perhaps rightly so."

"If our plans succeed We will bring into our subjection British Indians, who, it must be acknowledged, are far more advanced than our present subjects, and would need complete reorientation of our method of rule to offer them contentment and happiness."

"Disaffection and revolt is due to several factors, (1) Carelessness on the part of those who rule and have world power, (2) Sheer love of revolt on the part of some sections of the peoples which bursts out now and then, (3) Natural instinct in them, for gaining power and (4) courage"

"If you keep these various elements of revolt before your minds, you would know how to meet them. Negligence on a king's part has often been the cause of his downfall. Righteousness and Benevolence must be the chief qualities of a chief; for, they do not breed enemies Oppressive, unjust and careless Government is more dangerous than beasts of prey Let not your people, particularly the new subjects, fear you, Do not consider them as the weak part of your dominions. Snake often dies of the scorpion's poison. Those who have reigned as kings of their peoples, less as kings and more as benefactors have reigned long. Have regard for the man of sword; without him no throne can be stable Have regard for the man of pen and wisdom; without whom no Government can be successful".

"Your Highnesses, if you agree wholeheartedly in what I have stated before you and accept the manner and method of action, pray let your tongue be sealed and start planning minutely every detail of the success of that day Greater questions of the protection of the whole country India will be dealt with by our Federation which must follow Brethren I have done and I hope I have your pledge, your solemn pledge which cannot be broken. Are you with me—? And they all replied. "We are and we go from your Highness's palace with the spirit you have instilled in us and determination and courage for action Let the time come".

At this moment I wake up But since this dream keeps recurring I think it my bounden duty as a British Indian to disclose it and give our political countrymen food for reflection and examination of the possibilities of such an event. I related this ominous dream to one of my esteemed friends amongst the Princes He gave a cynical smile and said. "Take fruit-sal!"

Nehru, Voice Of Liberty

Those who desire to see this noble land independent must salute courageously Nehru. He is the voice and exposition of liberty

For the beautiful creations of the seers of the Upanishads, for the even tenor of mind of Tagore and Sarojini, for the disinterested patriotism of Azad, for the fiery breath of Nehru and for the spiritual majesty of Gandhi we must pay our tribute of love and respect.

Cataracts of trash come from abroad scorning the idea of our freedom. The dish water senility of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Russel and the coarseness of Mr. H. G. Wells cannot delude us. The perfect candour of Professor Laski and Dr. Lin Yu Tang is but a relief from the inflated and unnatural foreign trash. If those brave old men—Burke and Jefferson were now among us, they would have spent their energies to the side of colonial freedom, as Christians, as men and as democrats.

Nehru is emphatically a democrat The sea is not surer of the shore than Nehru is of the inevitability of freedom. Not an acre of the earth should have slaves and not a day in the human calendar should be without freedom.

Y. G. KRISHNAMURTI.

"Sadhna"

"Sadhna" is the name of the new weekly published from Rajkot under the Editorship of Mr. Uchhrangraj Oza and Joint Editorship of Mr. Janak Oza, with "Liberty, Unity and Progress" as its motto. Judging from its first few numbers it has made a good beginning which augurs well for its future. Importance is equally given on political subjects as on social and commercial topics. There is a special article on the escapade of Herr Hess, in its latest issue (No. 6 dated 17th January 1944.)

Legislators And Office Under Crown

The draft of a Bill to amend the Bombay Legislative Members (Removal of Disqualifications) Act of 1937 is published in the Bombay Government Gazette of January 22.

The purpose of the amendment is to prevent disqualification of any person for election as or continuance as a member of either Chamber of the Bombay Legislature by reason only that he holds or accepts any office in the service of the Crown in India certified by the Bombay Government to be an office created for a purpose connected with the prosecution of the war.

The draft will be taken into consideration one month from the date of publication and objections or suggestions should be submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Legal Department, before then.

JAPANESE ASKED TO EAT MORE POTATOES

WASHINGTON: A Tokyo report quoted by an American Agency says that the Japanese Government have started a press campaign to induce the people to eat more potatoes. The Government confess that rice cannot be imported in large quantities from conquered territories due to lack of shipping space.—India Press Service.

JUGOSLAV GUERILLAS PUBLISH NEWSPAPERS

ANKARA: The Jugoslav Guerillas are now publishing their own newspapers and issuing daily communiques about the progress of their battles against German troops of occupation. —India Press Service.

WHY CRIPPS MISSION FAILED

American Author Blames Britain

The "Tribune" publishes the following cable from New York :—

NEW YORK, Jan. 21:—The Indian Congress can find no more ardent apostle than the crusading reporter, Mr. Leland Stowe, whose knowledge and sincerity of intentions are considered beyond doubt by all the critics. His latest book is "They Shall Not Sleep." It deals with China, Burma, and India.

The author served as a correspondent when the Japanese overran Hong-Kong, Malaya and Burma.

Mr. Stowe, describing Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, whom he interviewed during the Cripps period, as a man of great intelligence, having an intangible aura of nobility around him—nobility in spiritual sense, says "When asked whether there was any likelihood of his imprisonment again Pt. Nehru said with the curious laughter of a man whose spirit is free: 'I should put it fifty-fifty chance either way.'

Dealing with the American comment on the failure of Cripps Mission Mr. Stowe writes: "Reading those American comments in New Delhi the sum total effect was that they formed one loud, impatient lecture delivered by the U. S. A. to India's people. It was said: 'You have been offered Dominion Status and independence. Why don't you take it? Don't you realise that we Allies are at war and have not got time to discuss the details of the question? Why should you insist on a large share of responsibility for the defence of your own country? What is this all arguing about the question? The Japanese may hit you any moment. Don't you understand that there is no time now to waste for discussing mere details of ways and means?' "This is what the American reaction sounded like, petulant and childish. The Indians had not even the opportunity of replying to the strangely undemocratic sermons given by our safe, secure editorial gods" Mr. Stowe adds.

WHOSE FAULT?

If so Indians would have answered like this he says: "You Americans say that there is no time for discussion! But these details will determine whether in actuality we would ever get freedom of self-Government. You say that there is no time—but whose fault is that? Did not we pose this question frankly in the first weeks of the war in 1939? You Americans say we are endangering the democratic cause. Is it we who endanger it? Or is it those who waited so long before offering the use of even a portion of democratic self-Government? Our lives and our children's lives are involved and yet the voices of America's free press chide us for being unreasonable. Were your Washington, Jefferson and the signatories of the Declaration of Independence willing to wait until England's European war was settled? What happened to the Americans then? We thought you believed in true democracy. We thought you were our friends."

Summing up Mr. Stowe says: "I do not think that any objective observer of Cripps negotiations can absolve the British Government—particularly Mr. Churchill and Mr. Amery, the Tory imperialists, dominating factors, in London's Government—from the major responsibility of its failure. One can grant that India constitutes just about the most complicated political, social and religious problem that can be found anywhere on earth. One can grant that Indians, who have never known the responsibilities of freedom of self-Government, are excessively sensitive and are often difficult people for the Westerners to deal with or understand. One may even grant that Mahatma Gandhi, for reasons with which I personally have very little sympathy, may have secretly wanted to prevent agreement. Nevertheless the British Government had all the physical power in India and as a consequence it had the chief responsibility for offering the proposal which, events have proved, was riddled by several most debatable loopholes."

Among the errors and abuses, Mr. Stowe mentions primarily : "the maintenance of Amery-Linlithgow continuance in India Office; delay in making any offer which when finally made was of "take-it or leave-it" kind; the fact that Indians were taken into the war without being consulted; ignoring of Chiang Kai-Shek's intervention urging the British to give Indians, real political power so that they might realise that their participation in the war was not merely an aid to the United Nations for securing victory but also a turning-point in their struggle for India's freedom."

TOWARDS FREEDOM

Bombay Mayor's Statement

Mr. M. R. Masani, Mayor of Bombay, has issued the following statement :

For fourteen years now, the 26th of January has been observed by the people of India as Independence Day and in our city thousands of citizens have been accustomed on this day to assemble and to reiterate their resolve to see India free. This year, the Day comes to us in conditions that do not permit of even such an expression of feeling. Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest man of our times, and many of our national leaders are in captivity and among them are some of Bombay's most esteemed citizens. A man-made famine is causing devastation in thousands of Indian homes. Despite all efforts and sacrifices, freedom seems to elude us, and some faint-hearted compatriots of ours talk in the language of frustration and despair.

And yet the events of the past eighteen months have produced a change in men's hearts and minds which, I am convinced, must take us many steps forward to our goal. The desire to see India free is no longer confined to members of any one organisation or political party. It is one that is shared by every true son and daughter of the motherland. About the methods of achieving Independence and the form it should take there may be more than one view; but there is a common consciousness now shared by all that freedom can only be achieved through our own strength and not through any recognition of the moral rightness of our demand.

Smt. Sarojini Naidu has already, in those burning and inspiring words which can come from her pen alone, called on us all to stand firm by our national demand and to eschew the easy ways of compromise and the shameful ways of surrender.

I think the citizens of Bombay would like me on this day to convey their greetings to their countrymen and countrywomen in captivity and to give expression to their resolve—deeper and grimmer to-day than ever before—to see India free.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Durham city Communist leader, Harry Politt, speaking at Horden in County Durham on Sunday said, "The people in Britain who are so busily suggesting that the good offices of British or American statesmen may now be used to bring the Russians and the Poles together, might pause to think of WHAT THE REACTION WOULD BE IF SOME RUSSIANS SUGGESTED THAT STALIN MIGHT USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO BRING CHURCHILL AND GANDHI TOGETHER"—REUTER.

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Madras detenus have being asked by Government to "show cause why they should not be further detained."

Everyone shall be deemed to be guilty—unless he proves himself to be not—guilty! The old canons of Law must be entirely re-written.

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Motto for the Invasion forces in Italy :

"Rome was not reached in a day".

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"There is no question of regimentation or compulsion", says Doctor Ambedkar in a statement about the employment of women in mines.

Every miner and his wife are free to starve to death if he (or she) does not want to work in the mines—as the Labour Member is also enforcing "prevention of employment of coal mine labour in neighbouring works"!

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According to a report, Australians are very much concerned about India's unfavourable reactions to Mr. Casey's appointment as Governor of Bengal and immigration laws applying to Indians may be changed as a result.

If we twist the tail a little more, the kangaroo may almost become human.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *To-day Independence Day will be celebrated all over India with traditional enthusiasm—by the people and the Police!*

(2) *Lord Wavell will inaugurate an era of general goodwill by sending a greeting telegram to Gandhiji, saying, "Independence Day Mubarak."*

(3) *Even Home Member Maxwell will celebrate the occasion by posting gift copies of his best-selling masterpiece, "Congress Responsibility For Disturbances" to all the imprisoned leaders.*

(4) *The Communist Party will celebrate Independence Day by issuing a special edition of "People's War", boosting the patriots of the Muslim League who have done so much for the independence of India.*

(5) *This Independence Day Number of the "People's War" will contain messages from all prominent Communists of the world—including STALIN—pledging their support for Indian freedom.*

(6) *British Communists, however, will not send any messages as they believe that demanding independance for India is as wrong as interfering with the Russo-Polish dispute.*

'Master-Plan' Of Industry

Sir Rustom Masani On 10,000 Crores Plan

BOMBAY, Jan. 25.

"On the whole, it is the most comprehensive and fascinating programme ever put forward, and it is certainly not beyond the range of practical politics," said Sir Rustom P. Masani in an interview to the 'United Press' on "A Plan of Economic Development of India" announced by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Mr. J. R. D. Tata and other industrialists.

Sir Rustom added: "Much has been said and written about the agricultural and industrial development of India during the past thirty years. No one has, however, to my knowledge, put forward any programme so bold in its conception, so gigantic in its scope or so uncontrovertible in its exposition of the fundamental aspects of a balanced economy, the main principles and objectives to be kept in mind and the lines and stages of advance to achieve the end in view, as the 'master-plan' put forward by the eight captains of industry well-known for their sound common sense, patriotic effort and robust faith in the future of this country.

"No plan can be complete without an indication of the agency or agencies for implementing it, the question of State support and control, the problems of distribution and social reconstruction. As regards the first item the authors of the plan have at the outset made it clear that only a National Government enjoying full freedom to regulate the economic progress of the country can effectively work the scheme. As practical men they have based their scheme on what is immediately practicable. Otherwise, it would be merely hanging in the air.

"The principal objective of the plan is to bring about a doubling of the present 'per capita' income within a period of fifteen years from the time the plan comes into operation. If we are all agreed that the scourge of grim poverty must be grimly fought, we should be prepared to go even further. After all, it is a question of maximum production and equitable distribution of the country's resources, and it is much to be wished that several measures for the amelioration of the condition of the masses not incorporated in the scheme may be dovetailed in it and that the question of mobilising and drawing on the latent sources of voluntary effort of the people in the sphere of education and welfare work under a national economic plan may also receive adequate attention."—United Press.

Ahmedabad Tenants Protest To Viceroy

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 25.

An appeal to H. E. the Viceroy to issue an ordinance for prohibiting the evacuation of houses during the war period in view of the shortage of houses is made by the Tenants' Association in a telegram, which states that the Rent Restriction Act is being abused by the landlords for raising rents inordinately.

A Tenants' Conference is to be held shortly under the presidentship of Mr. S. A Brelvi.—A. P.

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Dr. Ambedkar Refuses To Accept Public Address

CAWNPORE, Jan. 24.

His decision not to accept welcome address by public bodies was conveyed by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, to scheduled caste leaders who met him in Lucknow on Monday. The Cawnpore Municipality had resolved to welcome Dr. Ambedkar when he visits Cawnpore to inaugurate the Scheduled Castes Conference on January 29.

Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj was among those who met Dr. Ambedkar and indicated to him the arrangements for the Conference in Cawnpore. They returned to Cawnpore on Monday afternoon. —A.P.

I.C.S. OFFICIAL ARRESTED

MADRAS, Jan 25.

Mr T. S. Swaminathan I.C.S., Sub-Collector of Chingleput, was arrested yesterday at Chingleput by the District Superintendent of Police and brought to St. Thomas Mount.

Mr. Swaminathan was later taken to Rajammdry in the evening to answer a charge under Sec. 409, Indian Penal Code (criminal breach of trust by a public servant).—United Press

Move For Kerala Associations' Federation

(From A Correspondent)

MADRAS, (By Mail)

At the time of the 5th All Malayalees' Conference held here on 14, 15, 16th instant, a special conference of delegates from different mofussil Kerala Associations was convened. Mr. K. C. Nambiar, presided. Messrs. N. T. Nari and N. P. Achan were present as delegates from Bombay.

It was decided to form an All-India body, a federation of the various Kerala Associations functioning outside Malabar.

The object of this body will be to give due publicity to Kerala problems on an all-India scale, to facilitate the rendering of maximum outside help to Kerala in times of distress, to encourage and popularise the arts of Kerala in and outside Kerala, etc. The organisation will not take direct part in politics.

It was decided to prepare a manifesto and draft a constitution and send them to all Kerala Associations within a fortnight and hold a representative conference in March at Madras, when the organisation will be formally inaugurated.

A committee consisting of Messrs. K. C. Nambiar, P. S. Warrier and P. M. Madhom, with power to co-opt two others was formed to take the necessary steps.

Indian Chambers Federation Protest

NEW DELHI, Jan 25.

Protesting against the appointments of Mr. Frank Parr, Mr. E. D MacCallum and Mr P. C. Young to the posts of Steel Commissioner, his Assistant and Coal Commissioner respectively, the Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in a communication to Government, state that the erstwhile association of these incumbents with the British and American industries may lead the public to judge their loyalty to the Government of India with a certain amount of anxiety and even suspicion specially having regard to the fact that their duties have a vital bearing on the interests of these industries.

The Committee point out that selection of non-Indians for key posts is contrary to the policy of Indianisation of higher service.—A. P

The Half-Column "By Dim"

I understand that Dalmia and Walchand annoyed at being left out of the 10,000 Crore 15-year plan have decided to produce the same plan at 9,000 crore.

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Col. R.A.Z. Berry, one of the most distinguished and colourful figures of the Arakan Campaign, Capitan Jean de la Blague, the only Free French soldier to survive the bombing of that heroic village Moulin Rouge, and Mr. A. D. Shroff, Director, Tata Sons, Bombay, have been elected members of the YUSUFALI CLUB.

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Mr. Namazi, Deputy Sheriff of Bombay, lost two lbs (avoirdupois) making arrangements for the Sheriff's party to the Viceroy. Mr. Namazi is reported to be resting to-day.

MR. KHOSHRU B. SANJANA

Mr. Khoshru B. Sanjana of the Parsi Ambulance Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade (Overseas) is one of the oldest members of St. John Ambulance Brigade in India (since 1912) and awarded War Service Badge (1914 19), also Recipient of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, with three bars. One of the Volunteers and founders of the Parsi Emergency Corps, ex-member of the Parsi Battalion, he keenly took up A. R P. and Civil Defence work since the commencement of the war in 1939. He was made Deputy Group Warden (Fort-South) and was selected by the Government of Bombay for Civil Defence Specialist Instructor Course. He is the Chief Warden of Cusrow Baug A.R.P.

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Need Of Immediate Help To Those Whose Huts Were Gutted

A large number of Koli families have been rendered destitute by a disastrous fire which broke out on Monday the 11th instant at Colaba. In the conflagration which raged for nearly two hours, over 50 fishermen's huts were completely gutted and reduced to ashes. The unfortunate owners of these huts have also lost all their fishing nets, tackles, ropes, paints and other property. The total damage is estimated at well over a lac of rupees

By this cruel stroke of ill-luck which resulted in the complete destruction of their huts and the very paraphernalia of their trade, these families have been not only rendered homeless but also deprived of the only means of earning their meagre livelihood. They need immediate relief to avert starvation and all its attendant miseries. They must also be helped to buy fishing nets and the other instruments and materials of their trade, and set on their own feet again Unless this is promptly done, they are likely to become in diverse ways, a permanent liability on our city.

A committee has been formed with Mr. H. R Pardivala (Chairman), Mr. Vithaldas D. Govindji (Treasurer), Mr Rafiuddin F. Munshi, Mr. Madhavlal Bhat, Dr. Jerome Fernandes, Mr. Yeshwant Luxman Nakwa and Diwan Bahadur Narayan Vithal Sayana to collect funds for the purpose. Although many demands have in recent times been made on the generosity of the public, the Committee hopes that the desperate plight of these poor fishermen will meet with the sympathy and the help that it deserves. All donations may be sent to Mr. Vithaldas D. Govindji at Sir Vithaldas Chamber, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dange Stresses Need For Workers' Solidarity

LUCKNOW, Jan. 25 : The hope that now that the railways are making huge profits they should implement the recommendations of the Whitley Committee and give 25 per cent increase in the basic wages and afford other amenities was expressed by Mr Khedigikar, President of the G. I P. Rly., Union, addressing a meeting of railway workers held here last evening.

Mr S. A. Dange, President of the A.-I. T. U. Congress, exhorted workers not to give any quarter to disruptionist tendencies and communalists, and present a united front as, according to him, neither conferences nor their leaders could ameliorate their conditions or secure their objective without the backing of the workers' solidarity.—United Press.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 25 : The "Vingaren", the first safe conduct ship since the re-establishment of safe conduct traffic between America and Sweden arrived at Gotenburg on Monday from Buenos Aires carrying a cargo of hides, cattle fodder and animal fats.

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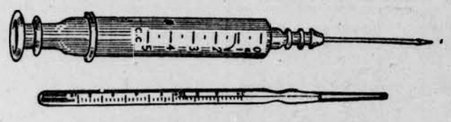

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Jan. 25

SHARES: The local Share bazar opened steady with moderate buying but as soon as the demand was satisfied, the market assumed sagging tendency with the result that prices declined. Tata Steel dfds opened steady at Rs. 2102 and declined to Rs. 2080 while Ordinary shares opened at Rs 412 and quietened at Rs 410. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 2077 and declined to Rs. 2062. Century shares changed hands at Rs 974 while Kohinoor shares were quoted at Rs. 698. In view of the usual Budget uncertainty, there is more disposition to liquidate holdings and we do not look for any important change in the existing price structure.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

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BULLION : Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 of London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents per ounce. The local market was steady with a moderate business. The Bank is selling Gold at Rs. 71 and small quantities are coming in the market. The market entirely depends upon Gold selling policy of the Bank and selling level Silver market ruled steady owing to absence of offerings and short covering. Gold Ready was quoted at Rs. 71 while delivery business was done at Rs. 70-13-6. Silver delivery &business was done at Rs 118-6 and the market tone was steady.

The market ruled steady; closing quotations: Gold Ready Rs. 71, delivery Rs. 70-14, Sovereigns Rs. 49/2, Silver Ready Rs. 121, delivery Rs. 116-12.

COTTON: To-day being the last day of January settlement the market was quietly steady with a moderate business. Yesterday large number of tenders were rejected being inferior. The market opened at Rs. 469 for March delivery and improved to Rs 470-12 under scattered buying. Later on there was absence of buying and prices reached to Rs. 469-4 under scattered selling. The market was dull with traders inclined to await developments.

The local market will remain officially closed to-morrow. There was scattered buying and March improved to Rs. 469-8. The market finally closed at 6 p.m as under:—

I C C March Rs. 469, I C C May Rs. 467-8. I C C July Rs. 471-12

COTTON TENDERS
Bombay, Jan. 25.

I C C January to-day 1,800, total 10,250.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Jan 25.

	Ready Old	Delivery Contract New	Feb.
Khandesh Jarilla	310/330	410/40	..
Berar Jarilla	345/350	450/60	
4 F. Roller	465/480		
289 F. Roller	525/570	660/70	650/60
N T. Roller	510/530	625/30	620/25
289 F. Sawginner	590/615	730/40	

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March Contract is below New York March 199 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, Jan. 24.

I C C January closing 475-1/2, I C C March highest 470-1/2, lowest 465-3/4, closing 469, I C C May highest 469, lowest 465-3/4, closing 467-1/4 I C C July highest 473-1/2 lowest 470, closing 471-1/2.

U. S. A. COTTON GINNINGS: Census Bureau report states ginned to 16 January 10,938,000 bales compared with 10,775,000 bales ginned to 16th December 1943. Comparison 1943-44 bales 10,938,000. In 1942-43 bales 12,100,262. In 1941-42 bales 10,240,000.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Jan. 24.

March 20.07—07, May 19.76—08 July 19.45—08, October 19.06—06. December 18.91—07. March highest 20.15+01 (10 a.m.), lowest 20.05—09 (2.59 p.m.), Middling Spot 20.93—06.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Jan. 24.

March 20.19—9 May 19.94—08 July 19.62—09, Middling Spot 20.90—09.

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, Jan. 24.

March 20.10, May 19.80 July 19.46.

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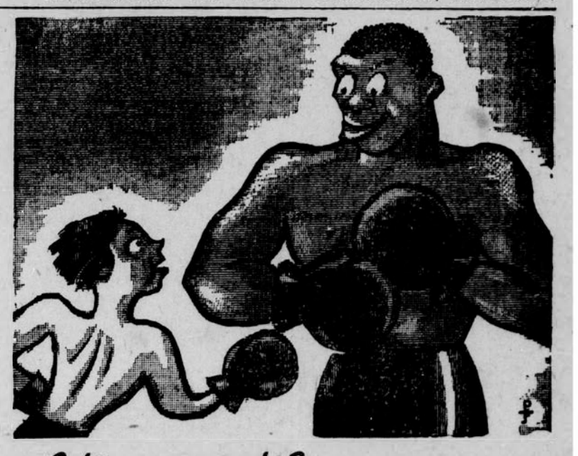

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651 MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

GENTLEMEN of the Common Jury, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court, on the Second Floor, on Wednesday, the 26th January 1944 at 2-45 P.M. (S.T.).

SHANTIDAS ASKURAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 25th January, 1944.
(7607)

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IN PURSUANCE of two separate requisitions received, under Section 36(d) of the Municipal Act, for calling Special Meetings of the Corporation to consider (1) a proposal for requesting Government to do away with the supply of unhusked Barley with Wheat, etc., and (2) the question of proposed increase in the Railway fares, two SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on THURSDAY, THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 1944, at 2 P.M. (Bombay Time) and 2-30 P.M. (BOMBAY TIME), respectively.

By Order of His Worship
the Mayor,
C. F. D'SOUZA.
Ag. Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office
Bombay, 25th January, 1944.
(7606)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following vacancies in the Town Engineering Department of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur:—

5 Estimators Rs. 70—4—90/- p.m.
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1 Brick Inspector Rs. 50/- p.m
1 Tracer Rs. 35—5—55 p.m.

Successful candidates will receive in addition a dearness allowance of Rs. 10/- p. m. and an emergency bonus equal to 10 per cent of salary (subject to a minimum of Rs. 5/- p. m.) and will also be entitled to purchase a reasonable quantity of food grains at concession rates. The above are purely temporary concessions and may be discontinued at the Company's option. Successful candidates will also be eligible for profit-sharing bonus subject to the usual terms and conditions.

Candidates must be qualified upper or lower subordinates from some recognised school of engineering and should possess at least three years practical experience preferably in Municipal engineering.

Applications giving full details regarding qualifications, experience, age, etc., with certified copies of testimonials should reach the CHIEF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, B.N.R., not later than the 1st February, 1944.
(7560)

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Office of the Chief Editor.
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Applications for I and II with reprints of publications, if any, should reach the SECRETARY, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, University Buildings, Delhi, on or before the 15th February, 1944.
(7574)

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7534

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NOTICE

WANTED—an ASSISTANT TIME KEEPER with previous experience for Ahmedabad Textile Mill. Salary Rs. 100 plus dearness allowance. Apply with testimonials Box No. 7604, "Bombay Chronicle."

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED, BOMBAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of The Bank of India Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank, Oriental Buildings, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 17th February, 1944, at 4 P.M. (New Standard Time):—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943,
(2) To declare a dividend,
(3) To elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation, and
(4) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 4th February to SATURDAY, the 19th February, 1944, both days inclusive.

A. C. CLARKE,
Manager.
Bombay, 26th January, 1944.
(7593)

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank at Oriental Buildings, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay, at 4-15 P.M. (New Standard Time) on THURSDAY, the 17th day of February, 1944, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting convened for 4 P.M. (N.S.T.) on that day shall be concluded, when the Resolutions in regard to an Increase of Capital by the creation and issue of 1,00,000 New Shares of Rs. 100 each (upon which on application and before allotment Rs. 50 plus a premium of Rs. 50 is to be paid) and in regard to the terms and conditions of issue, which Resolutions are set forth in the Notices to the Shareholders of the Bank, will be considered as Ordinary Resolutions.

The consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue under Defence of India Rule 94A. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

Dated at Bombay this 25th day of January, 1944.

A. C. CLARKE,
Manager,
The Bank of India, Ltd.
(7594)

NOTICE.

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS, LTD.

TEMPORARY TRANSFER RECEIPT No. 1|2006 of the above-mentioned Company (formerly known as the E. D. Sassoon United Mills Ltd.) for 50 deferred shares Nos. 4346064|4346113 standing in the name of the late Mr. Karsondas Thakersey Rowjee has been LOST. Any objection to the above Company issuing duplicate of the said Temporary Transfer Receipt to the undersigned should be lodged with the Company at its Registered Office at E. D. Sassoon Building, Ballard Estate, Bombay, within one month from this date; otherwise the Company will proceed to issue the duplicate Temporary Transfer Receipt.

MADHAVDAS KARSANDAS.
Dated: 25-1-44.
(7603)

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Office Clerks on Rs. 25-2-45 per mensem plus a Dearness Allowance which at present is Rs. 14/-, Rs. 11/- or Rs. 8/- per mensem according to the Zone in which the selected candidates are appointed to work.

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2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS Passed S. S. L. C., or its equivalent.

3. AGE:—Candidates born between 1st February, 1919 and 1st February, 1926, only are eligible.

4. PROCEDURE:—Write by POST to the Secretary, Staff Selection Board, M. & S. M. Ry., Park Town, Madras, for an application form enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and a Crossed Indian Postal Order for One Rupee payable to the Paymaster and Cashier, M. & S. M. Ry., Madras. No request for an application form will be entertained unless the above instructions are observed. Money Orders or Cash will not be accepted. The application form must be completed and forwarded by POST to reach the address below not later than 26th February, 1944 quoting as reference Advertisement No. 1.

5. Applications from sons of employees or ex-employees of the M. & S. M. Railway must be accompanied by a copy of certificate of service from an officer of the Department in which the applicant's father is or was working.

6. GENERAL:—Selected candidates must be prepared to work anywhere on the M. & S. M. Railway, Applications must be accompanied by copies of certificates regarding Education, Character and Sporting activities. Originals must not be sent. Candidates who are called for interview must produce original certificates.

SECRETARY,
Staff Selection Board,
M. & S.M. Ry., P.T., Madras.
Advertisement No. 1.
(7597)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WAR DEPARTMENT
I.S.D. INSPECTION CIRCLE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Science Graduates and Under Graduates (not below Inter Science/F.Scs.) with Science subjects (Chemistry and Physics) for training and appointment as Temporary officiating Assistant Supervisors of Stores (Textiles) in this Department. The selected candidates will have to undergo training for a period of three months during which they will be entitled to a stipend of Rs. 50/- p.m., in addition to the usual dearness allowance.

After satisfactorily completing the training and passing the necessary tests, the candidates will be absorbed in this Department as temporary officiating Assistant Supervisors of Stores (Tex) on Rs. 65/- p.m. with the usual dearness allowance; the Government do not guarantee any appointment after the period of training unless (a) the candidates pass the necessary tests and their work and conduct during the period have been satisfactory and (b) posts of Assistant Supervisor of Stores (Textiles) are vacant against which they could be absorbed.

Female candidates can also apply, provided they satisfy the above conditions.

After the training, the candidates must be willing to serve in any one of the following places:—Bombay, Ahmedabad, Indore, Sholapur, Baroda, Hyderabad (Dn.), Nagpur, Navsari.

A few posts are reserved for minority communities. Applications should be submitted immediately on the prescribed form (obtainable from this office free of cost.)

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION.
Feltham House, Graham Road,
Ballard Estate, BOMBAY.
(7596)

NOTICE

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that the Private Road running through the property at Parabhadevi, known as "NAGU SAYAJEEWADI" is now in our possession, will be CLOSED to the Public on WEDNESDAY, 2nd February, 1944.

(Sd.) A. U. BOTAWALA.
(Sd.) S. M. MUNNEE.
(3871)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
City Engineer's Department
(Works Branch)
NOTICE

TENDER for the supply of 3,000 brass of rubble stone to be delivered to Municipal Crushers at Sewri will be received upto 1 P.M. (Bombay Time) on FRIDAY, the 4th February, 1944.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

Forms of tender, specification, etc., will be issued on payment of Rupee one only to any one deputed to receive them by the City Engineer, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 24th January 1944.
(7608)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE UNION BANK OF INDIA, LTD.
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(Sd.) ABHECHAND
FAKIRCHAND.
(7588)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our clients Messrs. K. HASSARAM & CO. have so far as Messrs. Ladharam Gurnomal, Khimandas Kundanmal, Wadhumal Shewakram, Dayaram Virumal and Virumal Ghanshamdas are concerned, revoked all Powers of Attorney hithertofore given by our clients to them either separately or jointly with any other person or persons.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1944.

KANGA & CO.,
Attorneys for
Messrs. K. Hassaram & Co.
(7599)

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
INSOLVENCY NO. 7 OF 1944

Re: VITHAL RAMCHANDRA HAJARE, residing at Mahim, a Merchant, having his place of business at Sir Pherozeshaw Mehta Road, Bombay: .. A Debtor.

Ex parte: Messrs. HIMATMALL JASRAJ & CO.: .. .. Petitioning Creditors.

On the 18th day of January, 1944, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1944.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.
(7602)

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT MUNSIF, COIMBATORE
O. S. No. 987 of 43.

(1) Muniyammal, (2) Minor Somasundaram, (3) Minor Natarajan, (4) Minor Duraisawmy, 2 to 4 by next friend and mother Muniyammal .. .. Plaintiffs.

(1) C. P. Ananthachar, (2) C. A. Pattabiraman, (3) S. K. B. Santhanam alias Santhanagopalakrishnan, (4) Minor Ramachanadara Chetty by guardian mother Rajammal: .. Defendants.

Notice to defendants 1 and 2

TAKE NOTICE that the above suit for recovery of Rs. 2,096-14-0 due on pronotes is filed against you and the same is posted to 5-2-1944. If you fail to appear on that day, the same will be decided ex parte.

(Sd.) N. RENGASAWMY CHETTIAR,
Vakil.
Coimbatore: 31-12-43.
(3888)

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